

WSHSRA Mid-Winter Meeting – Ellensburg, WA
1/28/2023

Called to order at 10:00am by President Diehl Hiner.

In attendance: See sign in sheet.

Treasurers Report – Laurie – She passed out a budget/financial report for everyone to view. To date we have paid out \$40,160 in scholarships, and most of the 2022 recipients have claimed their funds. There are still some 2021 recipients that have unclaimed funds, and those will expire this year.

Laurie has been working on getting our QuickBooks transferred over to the online version, vs the desktop version. She is working with the bank and accountant, getting everything reconciled and should have everything changed over to the online version by Spring. This version links our bank account right to QuickBooks and makes reconciliation faster and more convenient. This will also allow the accountant to review it monthly.

The 2 CD's were cashed out in March and those funds are still sitting in the savings account. Laurie is recommending that we reinvest in short term CD's now that the interest rates are going up again.

Laurie went over the budget that was handed out. Question was asked if we do our books on a calendar year vs rodeo season year. Laurie said this is a calendar year, so it is based on 2 rodeo seasons in different calendar years.

Jackie made sure to point out that we gave out \$12,000 to members that submitted for reimbursement for clinics that they went to, which is GREAT that we are giving back to the kids. Diehl wanted to point out that having the QuickBooks moved to online and having the accountant to be able to reconcile and review monthly will be an added expense, but it is necessary to keep our books clean and relevant for years on end.

Scott Wilson made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Kelli Broeckel second. Motion passed.

Laurie researched CD's and it looks like the interest rate is 3.8% for 11 months and 3.9% for 17 months. Money Market account is 3.5%.

Original CDs were \$23,000 and \$42,000 from the benefactor. That \$65,000 is restricted funds. Anything over that is available to use as needed. There was a lot of discussion on CD's versus savings or money market accounts.

Jake Sanford made a motion to switch our current savings account to a money market account to have all the funds together, knowing that \$65,000 of that is our restricted funds and cannot be used. Josh Schott second. Lots of discussion. Motion passed.

Secretary Report – Tashia – Spring grade checks are due. This is not a progress report and must be the 1st semester report card form the school. Homeschool students will turn in their equivalent to a semester report card. Please check the primary email on your membership profile and be sure that it is correct. Tashia and Michele are getting a lot of emails returned as

undeliverable or mailbox full, etc. Emails have a lot of important information sent out to the membership, and if you are not receiving emails from the state, you need to check on your email address. They cannot add emails to send to other people or split households, grandparents, etc. due to the email system that is used to get information to the full membership.

National Mid-Winter Meeting – Jacob Hearron, Audrey Wolfenbarger, Gemma Wolfenbarger, Laurie Hart and Tashia Dean attended the National Mid-Winter meetings and gave a report of what was learned.

Ground rule on team roping limiting to 4 draw partners for the season is removed.

There is no limit on draw partners, but you must enter state finals with a partner. Jason Tolman made a motion and Patti Schott second. Motion passed.

Ground rule on HS breakaway bell collar catch only. Lots of discussion on changing this rule mid-season or not. This rule will not be changed at the state level for spring season, but it will be a standing rule for the 23-24 season and at the national level.

Jacob presented several new fundraising ideas.

Audrey presented information on the new goat tying rule to have more ties on the goats at nationals. And they are planning a “Cowboy prom” at nationals.

Queen Madison gave a report on what she learned. The queen contest is being moved up by 1 day at Nationals.

Gemma presented a “Student Board Rules & Expectations” document for review. Currently, we do not have any written rules or guidelines for our state student board officers. After visiting with several other state youth advisors at the mid-winter meeting, she put this together. This will be reviewed by the full board.

Tashia talked about the insurance, and how we should be using the national insurance and Western Sports Foundation as additional insured in ANY injury that happens at the rodeos. An email will be sent out to the membership with details and what steps to follow. This is a very good program that is there to help and benefit the kids!!

Committee Reports:

Awards – Michele/Sarah – Michele wants to “fine tune” the awards and budget and maybe have a spreadsheet breakdown on how the allotment of awards money is broken down per event and per placing. She has made a generic spreadsheet and is hoping this will help the awards person/committee in the future as well. She has put together a budget based on what it has always been, and a NEW budget for what she is looking at for this year. She has made a spreadsheet for what she would like for this year. She thinks it should not be “do as you did last year” all the time.

Michele said it was \$44,000 last year to cover all awards, including extra placings, board and committee member gifts, shipping, etc. which was more than the original budget and the board

had to approve the increase to be able to cover everything. After doing research on costs this year, new and different awards, etc., she thinks it will cost almost \$55,000 this year to keep close to the same awards. Michele is requesting \$65,000 to increase the award value for each event. This will cover all costs and this is based on breaking down every event with at least 6 contestants in each event, even though we have some events with less. There is a possibility that more members could compete in events in the Spring, and she wants to make sure that all placings are covered just in case.

There was lots of discussion on how we should handle individual events across the board, and include our cutters, RCH, shooters, etc.

Michele Wood (East) made a motion to increase our 2023 awards budget to \$65,000. Jake Sanford second. More discussion.

Queen Madison talked with other queens at the mid-winter meeting about their budget and she is recommending that the Queen be awarded a \$ amount out of the awards budget to help with expenses to travel to Nationals and compete for the national queen title. Currently the queen only gets whatever is made on the silent auction, and those funds are for her to use throughout her reign. If it's a poor auction year, she doesn't have very much to get her to and from her required events, or her required wardrobe. This will be discussed at a later board meeting.

Jason Tolman discussed increasing the raffle ticket cost to \$15 next year to help cover any extra costs. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Laurie wanted to point out that from what was brought in on raffle ticket sales in 2022 we have spent over that on miscellaneous items or events.

Michele Wood (East) made a motion to increase our 2023 awards budget to \$65,000. Jake Sanford second. More discussion.

3 apposed. Motion passed.

Scholarships – Brian/Diehl – The facility is booked for the scholarship weekend March 11-12, 2023. Tony and Kelly Curin will be guest speakers for the Saturday night dinner. Judges are getting lined out. Everything is moving forward.

The question was asked if there's accommodations for parents. Parents are on their own for any hotel fees for themselves or anyone else that is attending. Lodging is covered for the senior student only.

Raffle – Katie – We have our awards lined up with 8 total raffle prizes, including the horse trailer and the ATV. There's a checklist to make sure raffle tickets are turned in correctly. Also remember that ALL pertinent information in regard to the raffle tickets and how to handle them is on the letter that was included in the original raffle envelope that each kid signed for when they picked them up. Nothing more to report at this time because ticket envelopes are just starting to roll in.

New Business –

*******SPRING RODEO DATES –**

- April 28-30 – state run – location TBD
- Coulee City has May 5-7 available for a state run rodeo
- Okanogan has May 5-7 club run rodeo

Michele Wood (East) made a motion for Okanogan club run, Jason Tolman second. Motion passed

- Glenwood May 12-14
- Coeur d'Alene May 19-21

Josh Chrisman made a motion to approve these dates, Gordon Bowcutt second. Motion passed.

~STATE FINALS ~

- Kennewick is \$1000 per day for arena \$1200 per day for building and \$10 per day for stalls
- Okanogan is \$4500 for the weekend.

Gemma made a motion to hold state finals in Kennewick as long as the dates can be secured.

Michele Wood (East) second. Motion passed.

Queen competition will be held in Coeur d'Alene.

******* SEE ADDED INFORMATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MINUTES*******

Dusty Kimble turned in a bid to hold state finals in Moses Lake for 2024 and 2025. There was lots of discussion on the bid that was proposed with questions on costs and fees. It was asked if we can negotiate on fees. Diehl said that he would be willing to sit down with the facility to discuss and negotiate the fees.

Gordon Bowcutt made a motion to hold state finals in Moses Lake for 2024 & 2025. Kelli Broeckel second. Motion passed.

ENTRY FEE INCREASE –

Diehl says that he feels that an entry fee increase should not change for barrels and poles because there is no stock charge for those events.

On average it costs \$18 per run for timed event to the stock contractor right now, which is what clubs, or the state makes on each run.

Current costs:

- Timed event fees (barrels, poles, goats, roping)
 - \$27 - \$18 event fee, \$5 jackpot fee, \$4 awards fee
- Rough stock fees –
 - \$47 - \$38 event fee, \$5 jackpot fee, \$4 awards fee

Proposals-

\$27 barrels/pole/goats – \$18 event fee, \$5 jackpot fee, \$4 awards fee

\$39 cattle timed event - \$30 event fee, \$5 jackpot fee, \$4 awards fee

Michele Wood (East) made a motion. Kim Bowcutt second. Motion passed.

Diehl commented that we can make a ground rule to have a third enough cattle in the timed events. He asked for discussion.

Scott Wilson made a motion to have timed event cattle brought in at a third enough plus 3.

Michele Wood (East) second. Motion passed.

Diehl brought up that most rough stock contractors charge up to \$80 per latch for a rough stock animal. Lots of discussion on fees and how much it is in the amateur rodeos and if kids will stay in the association or go elsewhere.

Michele Wood (East) made a motion and Jackie Gudmundson to set the fees as follows:

\$30 barrels/poles/goats/shooting

\$40 cattle timed event (roping, steer wrestling, chute dogging)

\$50 rough stock/cow horse/reining

All event fees will have the \$5 jackpot fee and \$4 awards fee included in these prices.

Kacey Gartner made a motion to add an additional OPTIONAL side jackpot fee for any and all events at each rodeo IF the club or state want to put this in. This is separate from the \$5 jackpot fee included in the entry fee price, and is optional to add and not required at any club or state run rodeo. Michele Wood (East) second. Motion passed.

Michele Wood (East) made a motion to make May 6, 2023 the rule proposal deadline, and all rule proposals will be presented by the proposer at the general membership meeting so they can answer any questions or clarifications on the submitted proposal. Kacey Gartner second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Wilson brought up that he feels that the schedule for JH and HS should swap the schedule at times so that the HS runs on Friday and Saturday and JH runs on Sunday. There was lots of discussion on pros and cons on a changed schedule, dividing into regions or districts, etc.

Tashia made a motion and Eddie Bageant second to appoint Scott Wilson to get a committee together to come up with a plan on how to make our weekends work for the entire membership. The committee will bring their research results to the general meeting at state finals.

Michele Wood (East) Scott Wilson second to continue offering the clinic reimbursement at the same rate as 2022. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

***** After the meeting was adjourned and everyone had dispersed, Diehl called Tashia saying that Scott Goodwin informed him that he had in fact sent in a bid to TJ Newman and Diehl as it stated on the bid form he found online. After doing some research, it was confirmed that the bid from the North Franklin Rodeo Club was in fact submitted, and before the deadline. Diehl called a FULL board meeting for 1/30/2023 to discuss the rodeo bids that had been submitted and to finalize the spring rodeo schedule.*****

Tashia Dean
1/28/2023

WSHSRA FULL BOARD MEETING via conference call
1/30/2023

Called to order at 7:08pm

In attendance: Sue Hart, Diehl Hiner, Tashia Dean, Michele Wood (east), Jackie Gudmundson, Chance Gartner, Stephanie Downey, Laurie Hart, Katie Bageant, Alicia Gagne, Jacob Hearron, Ty Jacobs, Madison Stoddard, Dustin Dean, Kellie Daniels, Michel Wood (west), Cody Riley, Kacey Gartner, Talyn Sandifer, Robin Nachtigal, Randy Dean, Scott Wilson, Quincy Downey, Emma Wilson, JR Wood, Madison Teeter, Stephanie Hines, Josh Jacobs, JaeLyn VanSickle, Julie Gray
*Quorum confirmed.

***New Business –**

Spring rodeo bids – There were 3 bids submitted for 2 of the spring weekends. 2 of the bids were sent to Tashia and 1 was sent to TJ Newman due to the email address not being updated on the form. The bid was not originally brought up at mid-winter meeting because nobody knew about it being sent to the old secretary. Diehl called a full board meeting to discuss the spring rodeo season and make sure that this 3rd bid was put into consideration. Diehl invited a representative from each of the committees on to the call to present their bid to the board.

- Scott Wilson talked about the new Inland Northwest Rodeo Club and their bid to hold a rodeo in Coeur d’Alene on May 19-21, 2023. The facility was chosen because of the accommodations, the ability to have the PRCA rodeo committee there to help out, cost, amenities including the ability to hold the Queen contest and Cowboy Prom during the weekend. The footing was voted best ground in the Columbia River Circuit and there is ample parking for everyone in the association. – Questions and concerns from the board was why we are considering an out of state facility. It was brought up that we have held rodeos in Oregon, and that there is no rule stating that we have to keep our rodeos within the state line. Several people from the west side of the state spoke up about the distance and that we need to consider their travel time. It was mentioned that the bids were open to the entire association, and we did not receive any bids for a western Washington rodeo in the spring season.
- Kelsey Endicott represented the Klickitat County Rodeo Club. Glenwood put in a bid for 2 optional weekends with 5/19-21 being their first option, and 5/12-14 being their second option. Glenwood has held WSHSRA rodeo several time in the past. The facility is big enough, there’s a hall in town along with the school where Cowboy Prom and the Queen speeches can be held. They have Wi-Fi at the local store in town, and in emergencies there is Wi-Fi available in the rodeo office. They have a full committee ready to handle putting on the entire rodeo, as they have in the past.

Diehl called for any more questions on either facility. With no further questions, Diehl called for the vote via roll call. Tashia asked each board member to vote for either Coeur d’Alene or Glenwood for the weekend of 5/19-21.

19 votes for Coeur d'Alene, 10 votes for Glenwood, 1 abstain. Coeur d'Alene will be the location for the weekend of 5/19-21/2023 spring rodeo.

- Scott Goodwin represented the North Franklin Rodeo Club, who put in a bid to host a rodeo in Basin City on May 12-14. They have held rodeos in the past at this facility and even with the horrible rain storm we had at the last WSHSRA rodeo there, the footing held up and the water drained off pretty quickly. Parking is not an issue as they have plenty of it there. They also plan on holding a jackpot roping over the weekend as well.

Diehl asked Kelsey if she had anything more to add about Glenwood's bid for the same weekend. Kelsey did not. Diehl asked if anyone on the call had any questions for either club representative. With no more questions, Diehl called for the vote via roll call.

21 votes for Basin City, 8 votes for Glenwood, 1 abstain. Basin City will be the location for our WSHSRA Rodeo May 12-14, 2023.

Because there was no conflict, Okanogan Rodeo Club was approved to hold a WSHSRA rodeo May 5-7, 2023.

We will need to hold a state run rodeo for the first weekend of the season, April 28-30, 2023. Diehl brought up that he talked with Brian Carlson from Stewarts Arena in Yelm and they have a great facility with plenty of parking to have a rodeo there. They have the weekend available and would be willing to let us in for that weekend. Kellie Daniels brought up that she reached out to Elma and T90 Ranch for a possible indoor rodeo. We don't have complete details on either facility, but Kellie will reach out and get answers to the questions we need information on. Randy Dean reached out to Coulee City and they would have the facility available, but they don't have their full crew around that weekend so the state would have to have the manpower. After discussion, it was voted to get financial details for each location and we will have another board meeting next Monday 2/6 @ 7pm to vote on where we will hold our state run rodeo.

State Finals – It was voted to hold our state finals in Kennewick, as long as we can get the facility for the dates we need. If we cannot get those dates in Kennewick, then state final will be held in Okanogan. This will be confirmed and finalized by our 2/6 meeting.

Dee Cusick letter – Photographer Dee Cusick sent in a "bid" to be the official photographer for WSHSRA at all of the rodeos.

- What I would like to propose is a charge to each contestant per weekend of \$20. The Association or Board (I'm not 100% who handles the entry fees) would collect the fee. The Association would keep \$4 from ea. fee for handling the money for me. This would have to for ALL Contestants. In return, all of my photos would be available in low resolution files for downloading and sharing on social media. High resolution

files and physical prints would still be purchased individually. This is basically what my photo package consists of now. On an average, contestants would have 3-4 photos per event. When you figure that I charge \$10 per image for Low Res images, \$20 per weekend is a pretty good deal.

After some discussion, it was voted to decline the entry fee increase for pictures at the rodeos.

***Committee Reports:**

Reined Cow Horse – Julie – Julie submitted a cost breakdown for the spring RCH season. She states that in the past the association did not pay for the judges because Julie would pay for them herself to keep costs low to the association. Most of the time in the past the arenas were donated, but that is not the case much anymore. The state has always paid \$50 a head for cattle. Julie said all of the kids that did RCH in the fall are from the west side of the state, so travel is not an issue with these locations.

April 1 & 2 – Flying M, Tumwater WA 9:00 am both days

2 goes each day

\$500.00 for Judges (\$250. Each day)

\$300.00 for Arena Usage (\$150.00 each day)

\$500.00 for Cattle fee (50\$ per go that's based on the same 5 kids from fall)

April 15 & 16 – TBA (Most likely Brush Prairie, so no arena fee) 10:00 am both days

2 goes each day

Cattle Fee \$500.00 (approx.)

\$500.00 for judges (250.00 per day)

April 22-23 COW HORSE FINALS – T90 Ranch in Tenino 10:00 am both days

2 Longs on Saturday 4/22, Short go on Sunday

Arena is Donated.

\$500.00 for Judges (250.00 per day)

Cattle Fee \$500.00 (approx.)

Laurie Hart made a motion to approve the RCH schedule and fees associated. Tashia Dean second. Motion passed.

Laurie Hart made a motion to adjourn, Stephanie Downey second. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Tashia Dean
1/30/2023

WSHSRA FULL BOARD MEETING via conference call
8/15/2023

Called to order at 7:15pm

In attendance: Emily Cox, Tashia Dean, Randy Dean, Connor Dean, Stephanie Downey, Chance Gartner, Kacey Gartner, Paige Gartner, Julie Gray, Lori Hearon, Diehl Hiner, Jill Hines, Mary Magnahgi, Ryanne Pyper, Roy Ritchie, Talyn Sandifer, TJ Washington, Audrey Wolfenbarger, Gemma Wolfenbarger, JR Wood, Michele Wood (west)

*Quorum confirmed.

***New Business –**

Stephanie Downey brought up that we need to reach out to Jess Auto and our other large sponsors to get the trailer, ATV and saddle sponsors covered.

Stephanie also said she sent Kellie Daniels the Nationals picture to make our thank you cards but has not heard anything back yet.

Kacey Gartner asked if the student board could handle all of this. Gemma spoke up as the student board advisor and doesn't feel that is a good thing for the kids to be responsible for. As well as, the student board is already doing a lot, and the sponsorship duties were not on the responsibilities contract that the student board members signed.

Diehl feels that we need to "divide and conquer" to get the sponsors handled and the senior rodeos covered while we work on filling the open board positions.

Stephanie thinks the Longview senior rodeo is the easiest because we are already having a rodeo, and we can definitely get the kids involved.

Kacey Gartner asked if she should call Kellie and ask about the Prestige senior rodeos. Kacey asked what Prestige generally sponsors and when the money comes in. They generally sponsor \$20,000 towards our HS State Champion saddles. Michele Wood (west) spoke up that she has been in contact with Jennifer Clawson about the dinner that is put on by Prestige at the Longview rodeo. She has been working on trying to get everything planned out because she is part of the Longview club.

Diehl asked Kacey Gartner if she would be interested in taking on the role of Sponsorship Manager. She declined due to the time, and she doesn't really know the responsibilities.

Chance said he needed volunteers to reach out to each of our main sponsors:

Chance – Prestige

Diehl – Don Johnson

Julie Pyper- Jess Ford

Reined Cow Horse/Cutting discussion – The email was sent out to the board with all of the information. Diehl – When we are at Bonina they donate the judges and facility.

Looking at making the entry fees equal so that each event entry fee has to cover the cost of stock, judges, etc. There's lots of discussion on this based on not knowing the cost of stock at each rodeo.

Tashia Dean made a motion and Diehl Hiner 2nd to continue with RCH and cutting and hold the same number of events as rodeos, and count to all around. Motion passed

There is confusion on who the Queen is to go to, as we don't have a queen coordinator. So we need to come up with a volunteer to take this roll on. Stephanie said we need to reach out at our first rodeo and get someone to take on this task. Gemma spoke up and said that Talyn is part of the student board, and Gemma is willing to help get us through the year, or until we find a volunteer to take on the position. There's lots of discussion on possible volunteers and this will be worked on over the fall season. Diehl is going to call Bailey Nachtigal and ask her as well.

Raffle ticket volunteer – Michele Wood (east) said that tickets have to be ordered by 8/21 to get them in time for the first rodeo.

Michele will call Shelby Hennigar and ask if she is interested in the position. Tashia will reach out to Leicey and see if she is interested.

Diehl motions to order the same number of tickets that we did last year as our original order. Tashia 2nd. Motion passed. Tashia will get the tickets ordered so we have them.

Mary Magnahgi is going to Laurie Hart's house on Friday to get the treasurer stuff transferred. Tashia will still be a signer on the account so there will be 2 signers for finances.

Kacey is working on setting up a "College Social" at Walla Walla or Colfax, for the Juniors and Seniors. College coaches will be available to talk about their school and rodeo team. They are all working on building our northwest region back up. Kacey is asking if this is ok to actually hold this event at one of our rodeos. Tashia asked if the association needs to fund snacks/drinks during the event. Kacey said she has someone that is working on that. She is also asking for a list of Juniors and Seniors to give to the college coaches.

Diehl Hiner made a motion to allow the college meeting during the rodeo, Stephanie 2nd. Motion passed.

Diehl needs to know from the board if we are going to have the Scholarship weekend again like last year, or if we are changing anything. March 9-10, 2024

Stephanie Downey made a motion to approve, Mary Magnahgi 2nd. Motion passed

Michele Wood (west) is asking if the board wants her to do average awards for the state-run rodeos with a \$1500 budget for each state-run rodeo. YES

Stephanie made a motion to keep the same points system as last year. Diehl 2nd. Motion passed.

Julie Gray – Asked if we want her to reach out to Ellensburg Prestige to have a small senior rodeo after the RCH in the same weekend. Chance said if she is willing to do this then great. Julie will take care of this.

Gemma – Student board wants to do Homecoming again this year. The tickets will cover the cost but will need money up front to get the venue and stuff. She is asking for \$500. Gemma made a motion and Diehl Hiner 2nd. Motion passed.

Tashia Dean motioned to adjourn and TJ Washington 2nd. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next full board meeting will be 8/29/2023 at 7pm.

Tashia Dean
8/15/2023

WSHSRA FULL BOARD MEETING via conference call
8/29/2023

Called to order at 7:09pm

In attendance: Ibbby-Jane Coyne, Tashia Dean, Randy Dean, Connor Dean, Blake Endicott, Chance Gartner, Kacey Gartner, Paige Gartner, Julie Gray, Jackie Gudmundson, Sue Hart, Lori Hearon, Hadley Hiner, Fred Hines, Jill Hines, Mary Magnahgi, Brynn Morgan, RYanne Pyper, Roy Ritchie, Talyn Sandifer, Ryan Stewart, Scott Wilson, Audrey Wolfenbarger, Gemma Wolfenbarger, Michele Wood (west), JR Wood, Colby Wood, Michele Wood (east)
*Quorum confirmed.

***New Business –**

We need to vote in members that have stepped up to fill the open board positions. Michele Wood (west) for sponsorship director. Jackie Gudmundson made a motion to approve, Stephanie Downey 2nd. Motion passed.

Raffle Tickets – Kate McCaw is still interested. Cori Kane is interested in working with Kate. Stephanie Downey made a motion and Talyn Sandifer 2nd to have both. Motion passed. Tashia will reach out to both of them and get them in contact with each other.

District Reps – Chance wants to make sure that the district reps will be responsible for certain jobs at each rodeo.

Ibbby asked if there were any rules for parents that don't own western attire to be able to open gates or anything. According to the rule book, you must be in western attire to be in or working around the arena. But there are jobs such as garbage clean up, and paperwork runners that they wouldn't have to be wearing full western attire.

Yelm (Brian Carlson) is requesting that we use their tractor driver at \$300 per day. He will water and work the arena for all performances. Kacey Gartner made a motion and Jackie Gudmundson 2nd. Motion passed.

Stall director at Yelm – The association could make \$5 per stall if we take them on, or we make no money if we let the facility handle them. Kacey Gartner made a motion and Stephanie Downey 2nd to let Yelm handle the stalls.

Brian Carlson will bring his trailer for the goats to stay in again. He is going to order the dumpster and porta potties and the cost will be the same as spring season. We need to bring garbage bags.

Brian said there will be another water source out in the back field this time, so everyone doesn't have to come all the way up to the arena.

Jackie is wondering about a hay sponsor for Yelm like we had in the spring season. She asked JR Wood if maybe he could reach out to those hay reps again. JR will handle getting hay donated for the Yelm rodeo.

Pat McLaughlin (Shamrock Rodeo) asked if the board would prefer his big steers or junior bulls for the Jr High rough stock. He will bring whatever we request. Jackie Gudmundson said if she was to go off of what nationals is using then just bring the steers for both perfs. JR Wood made a motion to bring the steers and Sue Hart 2nd. Motion passed.

Colfax has garbage and outhouses taken care of. They also have a permanent bathroom that will be open. They are making sure that everything will be ready for our rodeo.

District job responsibilities at each state-run rodeo:

District #1 – Yelm, roping box - Colfax, sorting pens

District #2 – Yelm, garbage – Colfax, rough stock

District #3 – Yelm, barrels/poles (gates and setters) – Colfax, barrels/poles

District #4 – Yelm, rough stock - Colfax, roping box & cattle sorters

District #5 – Yelm, goats (gate, carriers and holders) – Colfax, goats

Colfax tractor driver – Lets reach out to Eddie Bageant for HS. ---During the meeting Michele Wood (east) reached out to him and he agreed to drive for HS. We will still need a tractor driver for JH.

Tashia will send updated information to Gemma for the website.

Adult and Student directors – Gemma is asking about clarification on our rules for student directors and adult directors in each event. Do we need to still have an adult director and 2 student directors, or do we go with the nationals set up and have 1 student director per event. Kacey Gartner made a motion to rule out the adult director and just have 2 student directors per event (1 in the arena at a time wearing an identifiable vest). Gemma Wolfenbarger 2nd. Motion passed.

Michele Wood (west) wants to know if she needs to order average awards for RCH, cutting, and shooting events. YES

Roy Ritchie wants to know if the Pony Expresso can set up at both of our state-run rodeos. The board approves of them coming.

Gemma talked about the student board holding Homecoming during the Colfax Rodeo. She is working on getting alumni funds from the national office to help get more of our alumni involved as well. More information to come.

Prestige Senior Rodeo at Longview, and they are going to be a sponsor for us again this year. Michele has been talking with Gemma and the student board about the senior rodeo. And Prestige is providing dinner on Friday night at Longview.

Talyn gave a queen update. She has done a few parades and rodeos already, and she has several pro rodeos scheduled for the next few weeks as well. Several board members spoke up that Talyn has done a beautiful job so far.

Tashia Dean reported that our JH/HS/SSIR jackets are an issue. The order was placed on July 8th, and just finally received an invoice for JH and HS jackets but no SSIR jackets on August Do we have SSIR sign up at state finals. This will be discussed in more detail at mid-winter meeting. She called and talked to Tami at Carrol and asked if getting the invoice means that they are shipped. Tami reported that she just got our invoice built and once it is paid then they can go into production. And she is still working on SSIR jacket invoice to send over. Sue is going to talk to James Higgenbotham tomorrow. Kacey Gartner asked if we could get the order placed right after state finals in hopes that the jackets could be done sooner. We can do that, but if people are going to be buying SSIR jackets they would have to pay for them right there at state finals for them to be ordered at the discounted price. And we would need ANOTHER volunteer to take on the task of jacket orders at state finals. This will be discussed further at the mid-winter meeting.

Kacey Gartner is asking about clarification on SSIR and qualifications. Kids are entering without points. Tashia reported that the SSIR rules state that contestants have to place 5th-25th in their events in year end points for their state to be eligible for SSIR. IF an event does not have 25 contestants, then all kids that competed at least once in the year can enter SSIR. And sometimes, depending on how many entries SSIR has in those events, contestants can move up if they placed lower. And if a team roper or ribbon roper enters state final with a contestant that placed lower in the state, they get to compete at SSIR AND get to pick up an extra event if they choose to. SSIR entries are not handled by the individual states, they are run by the SSIR secretaries. And if the SSIR secretaries allow a kid to enter then we can't do anything about it.

Kacey Gartner made a motion and Tashia Dean 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Next board meeting will be Friday night at Walla Walla (executive board only) to finalize Yelm and Colfax. Stephanie Downey made a motion and Tashia Dean 2nd. Motion passed.

Tashia Dean

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